

movement. His public endorsement of my campaign was a significant factor in my close victory.

Mr. Speaker, I consider it an honor to have known and worked closely with Henry Hyde. I know many of us feel the same way. I hope we will uphold his legacy of defending the rule of law, promoting just international relations, and protecting the sanctity of all life.

#### TRIBUTE TO FRANK B. SOLLARS

##### HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 5, 2007*

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an honorable lifelong farmer, fine American and dear friend who made significant contributions to the agricultural community for our nation.

Frank Sollars was born in 1921 in Concord Township, Ohio to Walter Eugene and Mabel Blanche Bowers Sollars and graduated from Washington High School in 1939.

Although he was a farmer by profession, Frank was also a leader in agricultural cooperatives, the insurance business and agricultural financing. As an International Cooperative Alliance Central Committee member, Frank hosted delegations from Russia, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, China, Japan, and Taiwan on the farm. Frank served as president of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Ohio Agricultural Marketing Association. He served as a board member of the American Farm Bureau Federation, the American Agricultural Marketing Association and served on the Board of Governors of the National Agricultural Hall of Fame. He was a board member on the first Soil Conservation Service Board in Fayette County for ten years and was chairman for five years.

Frank held numerous leadership roles in the finance industry including Chairman of the Board of Nationwide Insurance, Chairman of the Board of the National Cooperative Business Association, a director of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Ohio Consumers council and a director of the Fifth Third Bank of Columbus. He served on the Federal Reserve Bank Advisory Committee and was instrumental in establishing the National Cooperative Bank in Washington, D.C. where he served as Board Chairman from 1980–1998 after being appointed by Presidents Carter, Reagan and Bush.

Commonly referred to as the “Founding Father of the National Cooperative Banks,” Frank was awarded the Stanley W. Dreyer Spirit of Cooperation Award in 2006 for his commitment and dedication to banking. In recognition of Frank as an international cooperative mentor, The Frank B. Sollars Fund for International Cooperation was established in 1998.

Locally, Frank was a member of the Fayette County Farm Bureau, Fayette County Agronomy Committee and Agronomy Club, and the Concord Township Farm Bureau Advisory Council. He served as board member of the American Red Cross of Greater Columbus representing Fayette County and was a trustee of the Southern State Community College

Foundation. Frank served on the board as chairman of the Fayette County Bank and Sollars Brothers Corporation.

Frank received numerous honors throughout his life including being inducted into the Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame, Fayette Agricultural Hall of Fame, National Cooperative Business Association Hall of Fame and the Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Hall of Fame. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the Ohio Farm Bureau and was named the Outstanding Young Farmer by the Ohio Jaycees in 1956.

Although Frank has been recognized for numerous honors, he always believed his family was his greatest accomplishment. Frank gave many years of his life to improve and promote the agricultural industry he loved, because he truly believed it was his duty to serve his family and his country. He was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church.

A devout public servant, Frank was a man of honor and compassion. On behalf of the Congress, I extend sympathies to his family and gratitude for all he did to improve agriculture for our nation. His service and friendship will be missed by all.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

##### HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 5, 2007*

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise to mark the 46th anniversary of independence for the United Republic of Tanzania, and to congratulate the leaders and citizens of that great Nation for all that they have achieved.

It's impossible to talk about Tanzania's history and development without remembering the Nation's founder and first president, Julius Nyerere. Mwalimu, or “Teacher,” as he was affectionately known, was a great man among African leaders of his time. He dedicated his life to building a sense of national identity and unity. He wanted his countrymen to think of themselves as Tanzanians first and foremost, and not to set themselves apart because of their religion or ethnicity. Nearly a half century later, it is clear that his dream is alive and well.

We should also commend Tanzania's president, Jakaya Kikwete, for all of his efforts to carry on the good work of Mwalimu and other Tanzanian leaders. From his leadership of Tanzania's National Testing Campaign for HIV/AIDS to his calls for greater transparency in government and an end to corruption, President Kikwete has tirelessly dedicated himself to a brighter future for his country and his people.

As Tanzania enters its 47th year of independence on December 9, 2007, let us celebrate Tanzania's legacy of peace and stability, thank Tanzania for its close friendship with the United States, and pledge ourselves to work closely with President Kikwete and his people as they move boldly into the future.

#### COMMENDING TRIANGLE STUDENTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN DAFURFAST

##### HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 5, 2007*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend the students, friends and family members from the Carolina Friends School community in Durham, North Carolina who are making a simple, but powerful, statement today to raise awareness of a topic that compels the attention of this body—the plight of Sudanese citizens driven to camps for refugees and internally displaced persons, or IDPs, by the horrible genocide occurring in Darfur.

The Carolina Friends School community members, along with others from across the country and around the world, have given up one luxury item today—something like a restaurant dinner, a movie, or a cup of coffee—and will donate the money they would have spent to the Genocide Intervention Network's Civilian Protection program.

Individually, these are small sacrifices, but collectively, these donations will make a tremendous difference. IDP camp residents are under tremendous threats, despite the relative protection the camps offer. Residents must venture from the camps to obtain simple items, such as the firewood needed to cook food. But camp residents have routinely been attacked, raped, or killed by Janjaweed militia members and others when they leave the confines of the camps.

Just three dollars—the price of a cup of coffee in many places—can fund protection by UN-African Union peacekeepers for firewood gathering patrols for one camp resident over the course of an entire year. Just one cup of coffee can make a life-saving difference.

Beyond simply generating donations, the activism of these concerned citizens sends a powerful message, a cry for help in confronting a horrible tragedy. As their simple actions demonstrate, hundreds of thousands of Darfuris are dying for items we often take for granted. While the DarfurFast volunteers are asked to give up a luxury item for one day, many Darfuris go without food for days at a time. Thousands of camp residents have died from malnutrition, from preventable disease, and from lack of access to clean water. These victims are just as much casualties of the genocide as are the Darfuris killed by marauding militias.

I applaud these students and community members for their message, and I urge my colleagues to listen to it closely. Let us ask ourselves, what could we, here in Congress, give up for Darfur? Would we be willing to give up one day of spending in Iraq—worth about \$200 million—to save lives in Darfur? Would we forego even a few tax cuts for the wealthy? What are we willing to sacrifice to stop the genocide and save the lives of millions of innocent civilians threatened every day by savage militias and a heartless regime in Khartoum that refuses to stop them?

Madam Speaker, once again, let me commend these students and community members—and the individuals around the world participating in DarfurFast—for their activism. I hope we will all heed their call.